Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0904

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April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the Nemours Foundation and my constituents in Northeast Florida, I am requesting \$100,400 for the Nemours Pediatric Cancer Center of Excellence in the Fiscal Year 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services House Appropriations bill. The project is located at 807 Children's Way, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

If granted, this funding would be used to expand the Nemours Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, the largest pediatric cancer program in Florida, to create a Pediatric Cancer Center of Excellence. This new, world class center will utilize technology to enhance innovative cancer treatment and provide high quality care to pediatric patients. Nemours is a HIMSS Stage 7 organization with established analytic capabilities. By expanding their technology infrastructure, the Center will leverage data-driven platforms to offer exceptional program operations and produce better models of care.

According to the National Vital Statistics Report, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the U.S. This effort seeks to close that investment gap by expanding Nemours's capacity to support the lives of pediatric patients and their families as they battle cancer.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this project that is of significant importance to my district.

Sincerely,

John H. Rutherford

Member of Congress